

Colossians 3:18

Introduction:

1. Consider the preceding verse and its mandate for us to do absolutely everything by the Lord Jesus.
2. Ask yourself how many of the relationships include you, and think soberly about pleasing Christ.
3. No one else wants to teach the truth on such things, so we are in a very small remnant today.
4. I don't care how old fashioned I sound: these are the words of the living God for this generation.
5. Nothing else works, as the anarchy, dysfunction, and disaster on every side so clearly declares.
6. Here is 95% of our lives: marriage, family, and employment. This is where we put on Christ most.
7. How we function in these basic roles is the primary means by which we present Christ to the world.
8. Authority, both its privileges and its limitations, are set clearly by the blessed Lord Jesus Christ.
9. Here is utopia defined. The only hindrance is the proud, rebellious, stubborn heart of man.
10. Warming a pew and singing about how much you love Jesus proves nothing. This proves everything.
11. Christianity is not a 1-hour per week religion (Catholic Mass); and it is not a 4-hour religion (here).
12. Everyone in this assembly has at least one of these relationships, with more to come in the future.
13. The posterity and prosperity promised in Psalm 144 are obtained by obedience to these commands.
14. A people prepared for the Lord and prospered by the Lord have their relationships right before God.
15. Paul continued to develop his epistle exhortation, from the very doctrinal to the domestic practical.

3:18 Christian wives must soberly obey Jesus Christ's requirement for them to be submissive.

1. Let us also consider Gen 2:18; 3:16; I Cor 11:1-16; Eph 5:22-24; Titus 2:4-5; I Peter 3:1-6.
2. There are two stages to her role – she was made second and failed miserably (I Tim 2:12-13).
3. The greatest temptation for women, and thus Christian women, is to resist marital submission.
4. He does not teach for wives to love husbands, for submission is more fundamentally necessary.
5. The nature of the marital relationship from her standpoint depends on the woman's submission.
6. A marriage can exist and function adequately without love, but it cannot without submission.
7. When Paul took one sentence for Christian women, he used it to remind them of submission.
8. Submission is compliance and obedience to needs and requests you dislike and disagree with.
9. **Submit.** To place oneself under the control of a person in authority or power; to become subject, surrender oneself, or yield to a person or his rule, etc. [OED]
10. From Creation, before sin, Eve was made to help Adam (Gen 2:17; I Cor 11:9; I Tim 2:13).
11. Her foolish deception by Satan aggravated her role further (Gen 3:16; I Tim 2:14; I Pet 3:7).
12. Our society constantly batters women by doctrine, ridicule, and peer pressure to be rebellious.
13. Total submission to your husband is the mark of true Christianity for women (Eph 5:22-24).
14. Submission is not limited to that which is fit in the Lord, but submission itself is fit in the Lord.
15. Submission is surrendering and yielding to his desires and letting him rule your life (Gen 3:16).
16. This verse covers marital duty; other verses cover assemblies (I Cor 14:34-35; I Tim 2:11-12).
17. Each day of a woman's life should begin by remembering her role and this God-ordained duty.
18. Submission is not a temperamental or personality trait of weak women; it is a heart choice.
19. Sex is plainly when he wants it, how he wants it, where he wants it, and so forth (I Cor 7:3-5).
20. Anything less than that is defrauding, which is a very serious sexual sin for which you will pay.
21. A wife that pleases the Lord, Who made her for her husband, will not have to be asked or told.
22. Godly young men must see and feel this gentle trait strongly, or you will rightly be a spinster.
23. Sarah called Abram lord in her own private speech within herself (Gen 18:12). Consider it!
24. The contentious and odious woman of Proverbs is worse than death (Prov 21:9,19; 30:21-23).
25. Women present the gospel of Christ by cheerful submission as wives (I Timothy 5:14; Tit 2:5).
26. Christian submission is not merely servile obedience, for it includes active reverence and love.
27. Even in religious vows, our Creator has given the father and husband great power (Num 30).
28. A woman's role is similar to a servant's, as indicated by "likewise," "subjection," "fear," and other words (I Pet 2:18 –3:6). The value of this comparison is answering again (Tit 2:9-10).
29. Christian woman, confess your faults to the Lord, then to your husband, then fulfill your role.